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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL CHARLES H. DOWD STEEL, 3rd
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SUBJECT: Revised Atomic Release

1. The attached draft differs as follows from the purely intelligence statement before the Council on 22 October:

- Para 1: same as original para 1.
- Para 2: same as original para 4.
- Para 3: first sentence same as original para 3,
except for added phrase "if delivered
on target,"
second sentence new.
- Para 4: first sentence same as original para 2
("Soviet" added for clarity),
second sentence new.

2. I think your chief will be particularly interested in para 3, particularly the words "if delivered on target." The last sentence of this paragraph, you will note, makes no statement respecting range. Our people feel very clear that such a statement would be extremely complicated to draft and would almost certainly present hopeless security problems.

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NSC Board Assistant

Attach.

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